PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Scientific quality	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [ ] Grade B: Very good [ ] Grade C: Good [ ] Grade D: Fair [Y] Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	[ ] Grade A: Priority publishing [Y] Grade B: Minor language polishing [ ] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing [ ] Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	[ ] Accept (High priority) [ ] Accept (General priority) [ ] Minor revision [ ] Major revision [Y] Rejection
Re-review	[ ] Yes [Y] No

Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: [Y] Anonymous [ ] Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: [ ] Yes [Y] No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors clarified the significance of VCTE-based scoring systems to narrow the high-risk group of NAFLD patients with comorbidities. The sample size of such a study was insufficient for such a statistical analysis.The results are not scientifically accurate.It is suggested to increase the sample size and then recalculate, or use other statistical methods. Some references are old, so it is suggested to increase the citations of articles in recent 5 years. The results section should be diagrammed as much as possible, with less descriptive text. Therefore, the article is not up to the standard of publication at this stage.It is recommended to re-submit or choose another magazine after modification.

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Name of journal: *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology*

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors aimed to clarify the significance of different VCTE-based scoring systems to identify high-risk patients of NALFD with comorbidities, i.p. HCC and EGV. To answer the question, they performed a cross-sectional study to investigate scoring system on NAFLD patients in order to narrow high risk groups with HCC and EGV.   They found that Agile 3+ and Agile 4 were useful scoring systems to identify high risk patients for HCC and/or EGV.   The study was well designed and the different scoring systems have been well compared. However, there are some major and minor comments to address: Major comments: 1) the definition of the scoring systems not well introduced 2) study protocol not clear- was every scoring system used for each patient?   3) study design not mentioned   Minor comments: 1) introduction not well written. Why EGV risk appears with liver fibrosis? Why different scoring systems exist? Explanation of the importance of the research aim is missing. 2) Better description of FibroScan Scoring Systems.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The article has been revised up to acceptable standards.